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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hiroshi CH SHIMA

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COMMON CARRIER APPARATUS, ACCOUNTING PROCESSING METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM WITH ACCOUNTING PROCESSING PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 3, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of October 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

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